

GREENSBORO PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Wednesday, March 13, 2013 – 6 pm

Windsor Recreation Center, 1601 East Lee Street

PRESENT MEMBERS: Matthew “Matt” Lojko, Jr. (Chair), Carl Brower, Jr., Christine “Chris” Cheek, Zachary Crutchfield, Thomas Daniels, Robert Enochs (Vice-Chair), Robert “Clay” Hassard, Decarlos Kinds

ABSENT MEMBERS: None

STAFF PRESENT: Brigitte Blanton (Libraries), Steve Branson, Jenny Caviness, Erica Chadwick, Russ Clegg (Housing & Community Development), Phil Fleischmann, Charles Jackson, Mel Melton, Mary Alice Kurr-Murphy, Reggie Lee (Facilities & Engineering), Dan Maxson, Ednasha McCray, Brooks Mullane, Marcie Richardson, Josh Sherrick, Mike Simpson, Neil Thompson, Wade Walcutt, Chris Wilson

OTHERS PRESENT: Ginger Walton (Arc of Greensboro)

The regular meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission was held at Windsor Recreation Center. Matthew Lojko, Jr., Chair, called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Citizen Board Member Forum

Wilson announced that the Citizen Board Member Forum for 2013 will be held August 1-3 at the Airport Marriot. Wilson asked members to save this date and more information will be forthcoming.

CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Hassard and seconded by Brower to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2013 Commission meeting. A vote in favor was unanimous.

RECOGNITIONS

The POWER of Play Donation

This item was postponed to a later meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Change to Commission Meeting Schedule

Wilson previously sent the Commission a memo (attached) stating that after further review of the previous Commission meeting schedule request that staff recommends the opportunity to delay the start of proposed schedule changes until it is time for printing of future publications. This will save cost of reproducing existing publications.

No members opposed the request made by Wilson.

NEW BUSINESS

Department's Partnership with The Arc of Greensboro

Ginger Walton with The Arc of Greensboro informed Members the purpose of The Arc of Greensboro. This organization offers programming for a lifespan of individuals with disabilities. This is their 60th Anniversary year and is the largest group serving these individuals in the country. In to order increase accomplishments everyone must share in the same mission. This organization would like to collaborate with the Parks & Recreation Mainstream Resources section in continuing the mission by offering inclusive opportunities to these individuals.

For more information and to view a video about this organization one can go to their website at www.arcg.org.

KaBoom!

Josh Sherrick, Special Events Coordinator, shared with the Commission the relationship Greensboro Parks & Recreation has with KaBoom!, Inc. Parks & Recreation partnered with KaBoom! in 2006 and 2011 to build and fund a playground. Parks & Recreation is obligated to supply staff and equipment necessary to build the playground structure. Parks & Recreation partnered with the Planning & Community Development to submit an application for Greensboro to perhaps once again be awarded such an opportunity. The application was indeed awarded and a playground will be built and located in the Maywood Street Community near Glenwood Community Recreation Center.

Brooks Mullane, Outdoor Adventure and Environmental Education Supervisor, invited everyone to attend the playground building on June 21, 2013.

Heath Park Redevelopment Plan

Ednasha McCray, Planning and Project Development Division Manager, distributed master plans (attached) of Heath Park to the Commission. The design process began last summer. This is a 13 acre area that will include improving the baseball field, playground equipment, and adding an additional basketball court. Staff has worked with the neighborhood to determine what should be incorporated into the master plan.

McCray highlighted the following:

- The park entrance off of Holts Chapel Road has blind spots therefore the entrance would be relocated towards Franklin Boulevard.
- Triangles on the master plan map represent shade structures
- There is a proposed picnic area
- New tot lot play equipment
- There would be pedestrian access from Franklin Boulevard.
- There would be an asphalt trail
- Fitness stations would be installed

Brower inquired if the plan includes lighting.

McCray stated no and the reason is because neighborhood playgrounds close at dark.

McCray added that the Capital Improvement Plan includes improving all neighborhood parks. One third of funding for this particular project has been approved with hopes of receiving the remaining funds next fiscal year through 2015.

Lojko inquired how long the trail will be.

McCray stated that she believes it will be .25-.50 miles.

Crutchfield inquired if the baseball field includes lights.

McCray replied that the current field and proposed field will not have lights. There will be sidewalks installed by the Greensboro Department of Transportation.

Brower asked the sidewalks will be on both sides of the street.

McCray is unsure; however they will be on the park side of the street.

Action Taken

A motion was made by Brower and seconded by Crutchfield to approve the proposed Heath Park Master Plan as presented. A vote in favor was unanimous.

Sussman Park Redevelopment Plan

Each Member received a copy of the Sussman Park Master Plan (attached). McCray reported that this park is divided by a creek and the master plan splits the park into 3 nodes.

1. An active adult area to offer an adult fitness area, open space and basketball court
2. A family area that would include an all accessible shelter, tot play equipment, and a plaza area
3. A multi-purpose area would offer the opportunity for dog walking, open play, etc.

There is a proposed trail that would run through the park. There are currently many ways to access the park and this would be reduced to only a few.

Staff has worked with this community to create such a plan and positive feedback has been given for this plan. The future plans would perhaps offer a community garden and amphitheatre as funding becomes available.

Brower inquired what the first phase of this plan includes, what is the plan for water fountains, and will the trees along Florida Street remain.

McCray responded that trails would be included in the first phase and prioritizing would need to be completed according to cost estimates. The current water fountain will remain and another will be added. The existing trees will remain.

Action Taken

A motion was made by Brower and seconded by Cheek to approve the Sussman Park Master Plan as presented. A vote in favor was unanimous.

Lake Rules and Regulations Revisions

Wade Walcutt, Community Recreation Services Division Manager, informed the Commission that the Parks & Recreation Rules and Regulations were last updated in 1989. Walcutt requested that the Commission revise the rules and regulations to include a section referring to paddle boarding (attached) . A draft copy of this section has been distributed. This activity has become very popular. In order for this portion of the rules and regulations to be submitted to the North Carolina Commission of Public Health, they must first be approved by the local municipality. The Water Resources Department has written a letter in support of this activity.

Brower inquired if there will be the opportunity to offer paddleboard rentals. This would perhaps benefit businesses to donate boards.

Walcutt replied that the lakes do not currently own paddleboards. Staff will monitor the popularity and determine if rentals would be beneficial. This activity would not increase any expenses but will increase revenue. The fee for paddleboarding would be the same fee for canoe and kayak rentals.

Kinds inquired if the boards are as safe as boats since there is no siding.

Walcutt said that canoe and kayak users do fall out; however as an extra safety measure for paddleboarding there will be an area sectioned off for this particular activity. The same policies and procedures will be enforced just as for other watercraft.

Action Taken

A motion was made by Hassard and seconded by Brower for staff to pursue the process in order to offer the opportunity to allow paddleboarding at the lakes. A vote in favor was unanimous.

Neighborhood Small Projects Program

Russ Clegg, Planning & Community Development, presented a powerpoint (attached) on the neighborhood small projects that will be funded in 2013. For the information on what Clegg reviewed please see attached powerpoint.

McCray requested that the Commission consider approving the neighborhood small projects although funding for these projects has been allocated.

Action Taken

A motion was made by Brower and seconded by Crutchfield to approve the neighborhood small projects as submitted. A vote in favor was unanimous.

E.C.O. Bus (Engaging Our Community with the Outdoors)

Tammy Miller, Libraries, stated there has been enthusiastic support for the E.C.O. Bus. Miller informed the Commission that the Library Department does indeed support this service.

Phil Fleischmann, Special Programs Superintendent, reported that the E.C.O. Bus is formerly known as the Reading Railroad Bus. The bus has been converted into a mobile environmental education bus. The bus debuted March 1, 2013 during First Friday at Center City Park. Staff is

currently seeking sponsorships and volunteers to assist with designing different elements of the bus and packages in terms of what the bus can provide and offer.

Cheek inquired if this bus will visit summer camp programs.

Fleishmann replied that yes the bus will visit camps and the summer playground camp programs.

Wilson added that the Natural Science Center has committed to assisting with the bus by providing special items and wildlife.

Board Members toured the E.C.O. Bus immediately following the meeting.

STAFF REPORT

NONE

SPEAKERS FROM THE FLOOR

NONE

INTERIM DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Wilson reported that plan for the Battleground Parks District is moving forward. The federal park system has been awarded a grant to provide tram service in this area.

The Guilford County Parks System is on the agenda for the Guilford County Commission meeting this evening. Staff will continue to be open to dialogue with the county.

The budget process continues and result areas are working together to to provide the best service while having to address the budget gap.

Wilson encouraged everyone to join the new Parks & Recreation Facebook page.

Staff remains committed to value community input as has been demonstrated through the 2 master plans presented this evening.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Brower inquired the status of Grimsley Pool.

Wilson stated that the community has come forward with additional options of alternative construction options which ranged in the millions of dollars and would have less code restrictions. This item will be taken before City Council. Currently there is not a budget option that will adhere to the cost of construction and only have the funding for demolition. Staff continues to be open to dialogue with Guilford County Schools.

Brower encourage fellow board members to attend the public budget meetings currently taking place to hear from the citizens and support the staff.

Kinds stated that she is excited about what has been presented and the wide variety of offerings that impacts the overall economic development.

Brower reported that he served on the interview panel for the recreation center superintendent position and commended staff on the efforts put towards to conduct the process.

With no further business, Lojko adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marcie Richardson, Executive Assistant
Greensboro Parks and Recreation



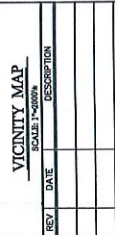
March 7, 2013

TO: Matt Lojko, Parks and Recreation Commission Chair
FROM: Chris Wilson, Director *CW*
SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Schedule Request

During the February 13, 2013 meeting of the Greensboro Parks and Recreation Commission staff was asked to look at current publication schedules as it relates to the announcement of Commission meeting times. In our review staff looked at the department's primary publication, the Leisure Magazine and subsequent publications such as the Leisure Tabloid insert into the News and Record. Our findings indicated that the magazine will not be published again until January 2014 and the current edition has already been distributed which would eliminate our ability to do inserts of schedule change. Thus staff would respectfully request the opportunity to delay the start of proposed schedule changes until that time in an effort to provide optimal communications and cost efficiency. We would like to thank the commission for the dialogue around this topic as it is clear that we share a desire to make sure our residents have access to our meetings in the most convenient way possible.

CW

cc: Marcie Richardson, Executive Assistant
Nasha McCray, Division Manager, Planning and Project Development
Wade Walcutt, Division Manager, Community Recreation Services
Dan Maxson, Division Manager, Administrative Services
Jenny Caviness, Division Manager, Youth and Volunteer Services
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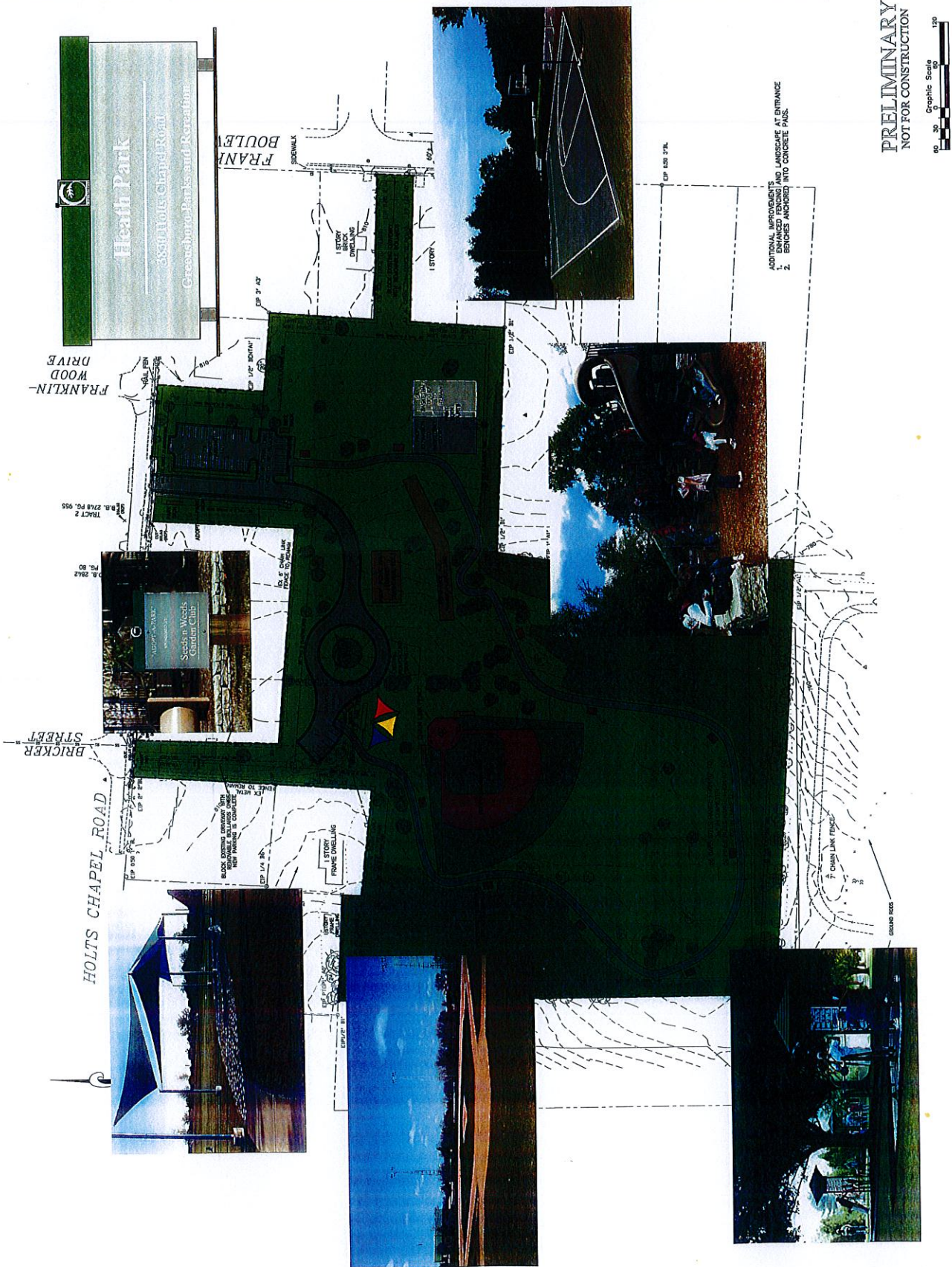


**HEATH PARK
MASTER PLAN**
3830 HOLTS CHAPEL ROAD
GREENSBORO
NORTH CAROLINA

OVERALL SITE PLAN

PROJECT NO. E-1178
DATE: 2/26/13
SCALE: 1"=60'
DWG. BY: MBW
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SHEET 1 of 1

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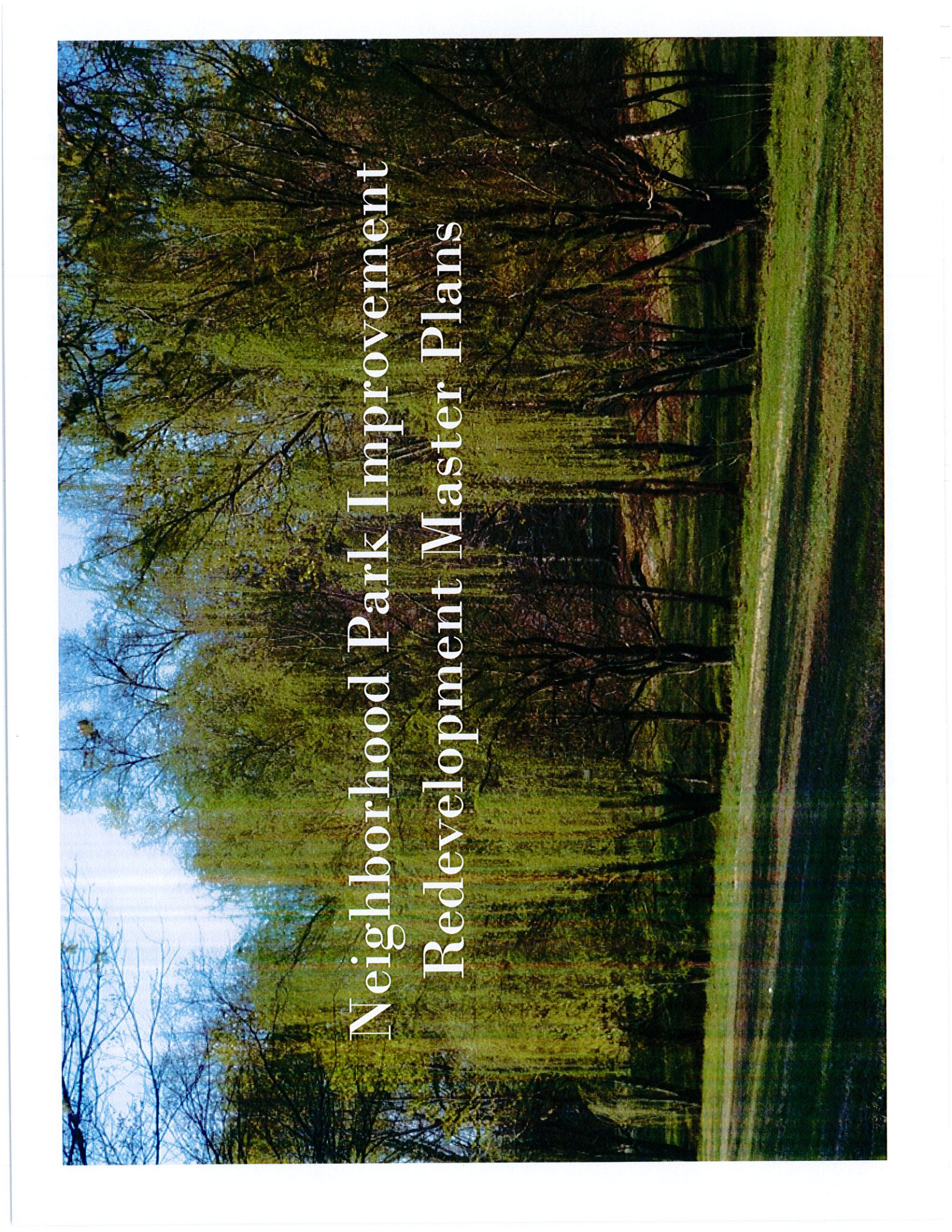


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A photograph of a park with a path, trees, and a building in the background. The path is a dirt road that curves through the park. The trees are mostly bare, suggesting a late autumn or winter setting. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a red roof, visible through the trees in the background. The overall scene is a peaceful, natural setting.

Neighborhood Park Improvement Redevelopment Master Plans

Background

- Improvements to aging neighborhood parks
- 2008 Bond Referendum approved funding for

renovations to Heath, Sussman & Steelman Parks

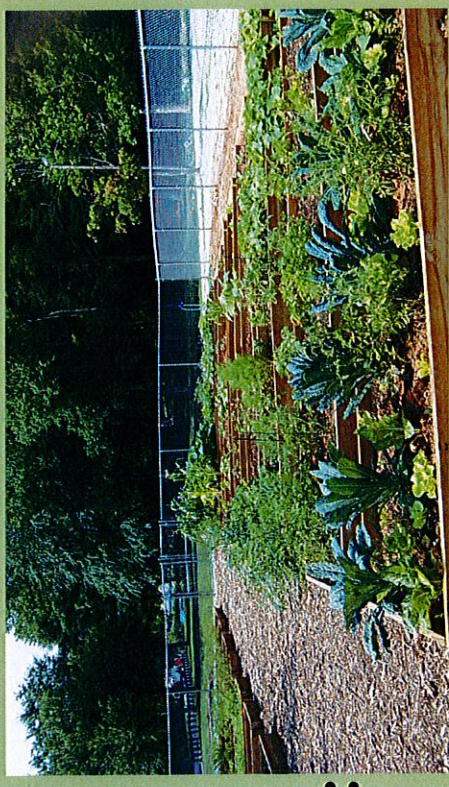
- Master planning process began in late Summer 2012

- Westcott Small & Associates (Heath, Steelman)
- J. Hyatt Hammond & Associates (Sussman)



Steelman Park

- Ruth A. Steelman (1977)
- Existing amenities/features:
 - Community Garden
 - Playground
 - Basketball court
 - Shelters/picnic tables
 - Streams
 - Chess tables/outdoor patio



Steelman Park





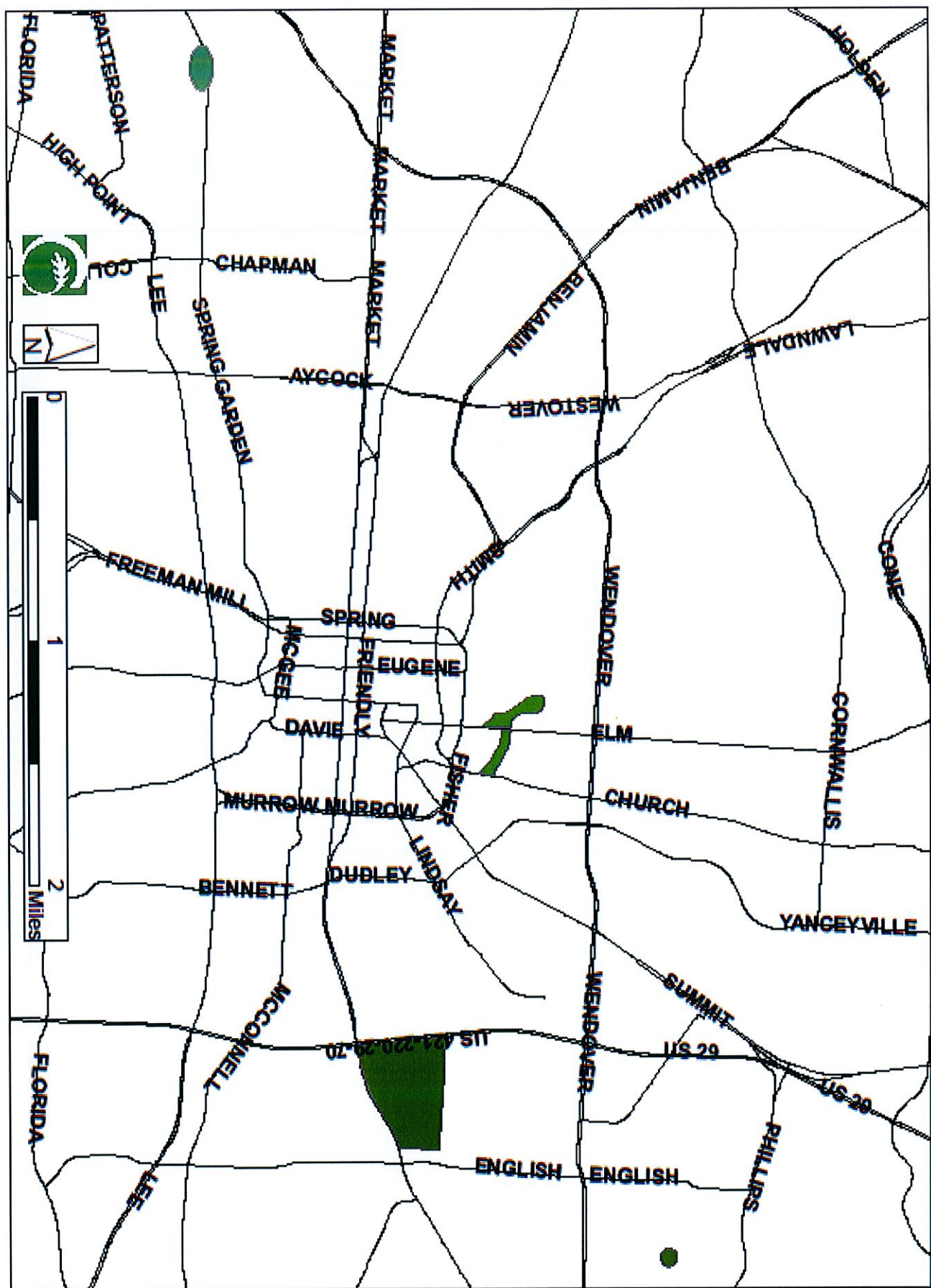
Neighborhood Small Projects Program

Program Overview

- Part of the CIP budget
- A multi-department program
- \$100,000 overall
 - Annual cycle
 - \$20,000 per City Council District

Process

- Application and guidelines sent out in summer
- Eligible applications reviewed by the team in January and February
- Public Hearing in Spring



This Year's Projects:

Textile Park

- Playground for toddlers 1 to 6
- Have been working with staff



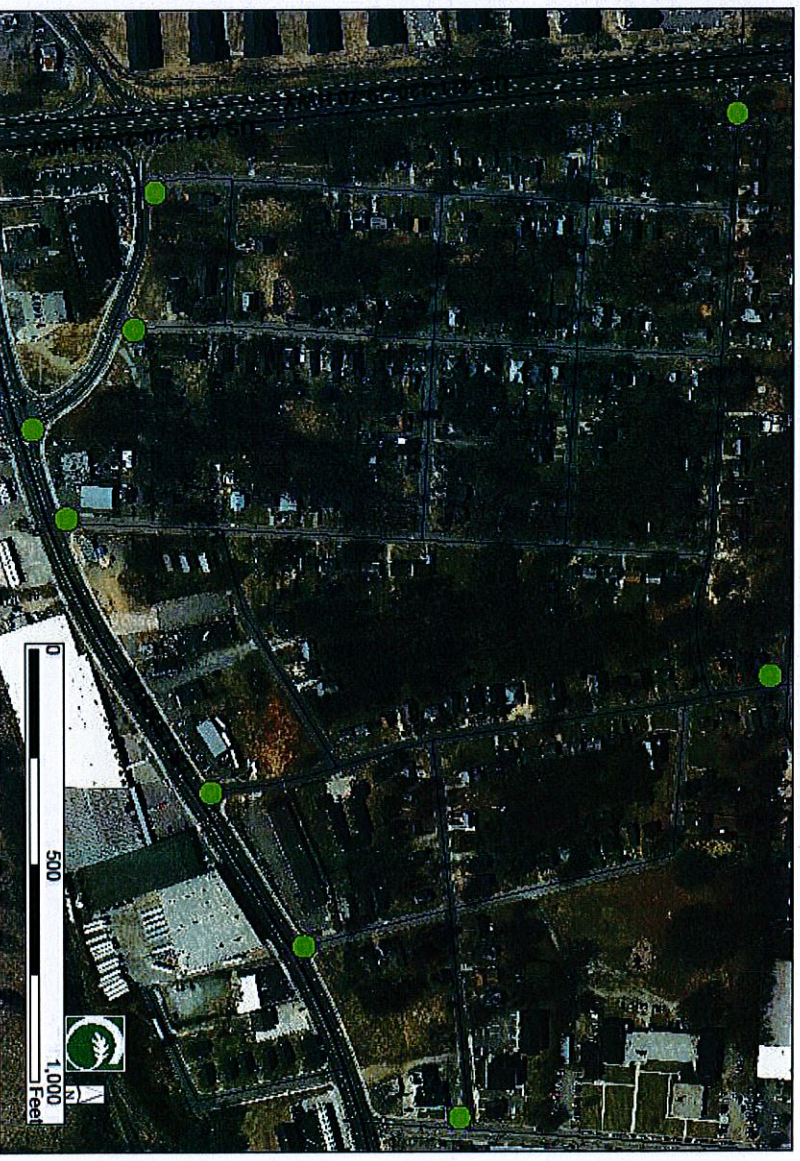


This Year's Projects:

Jonesboro/Scott Park

- Sign Toppers to help identify the neighborhood
- Working with the East Market Street Development Corporation
- Implementation step of adopted City plan

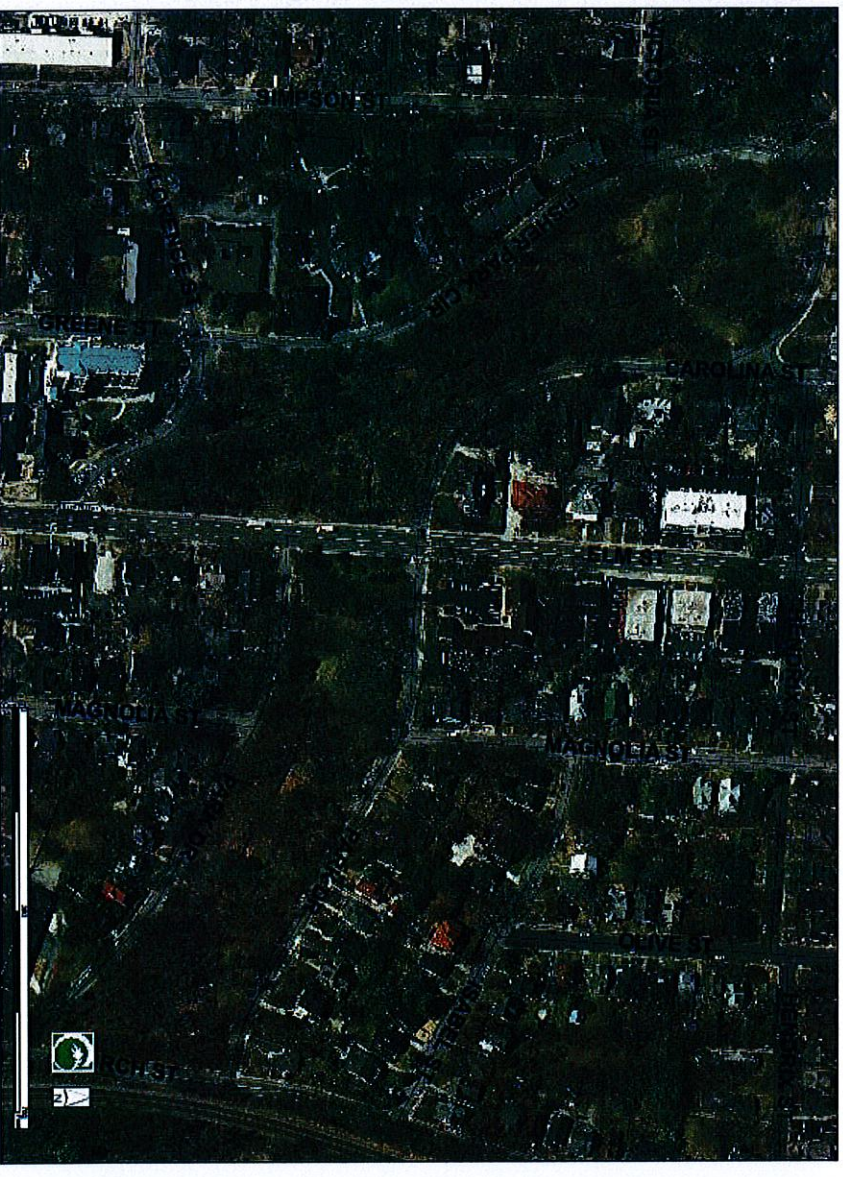
Proposed Sign Topper Locations



This Year's Projects:

Fisher Park

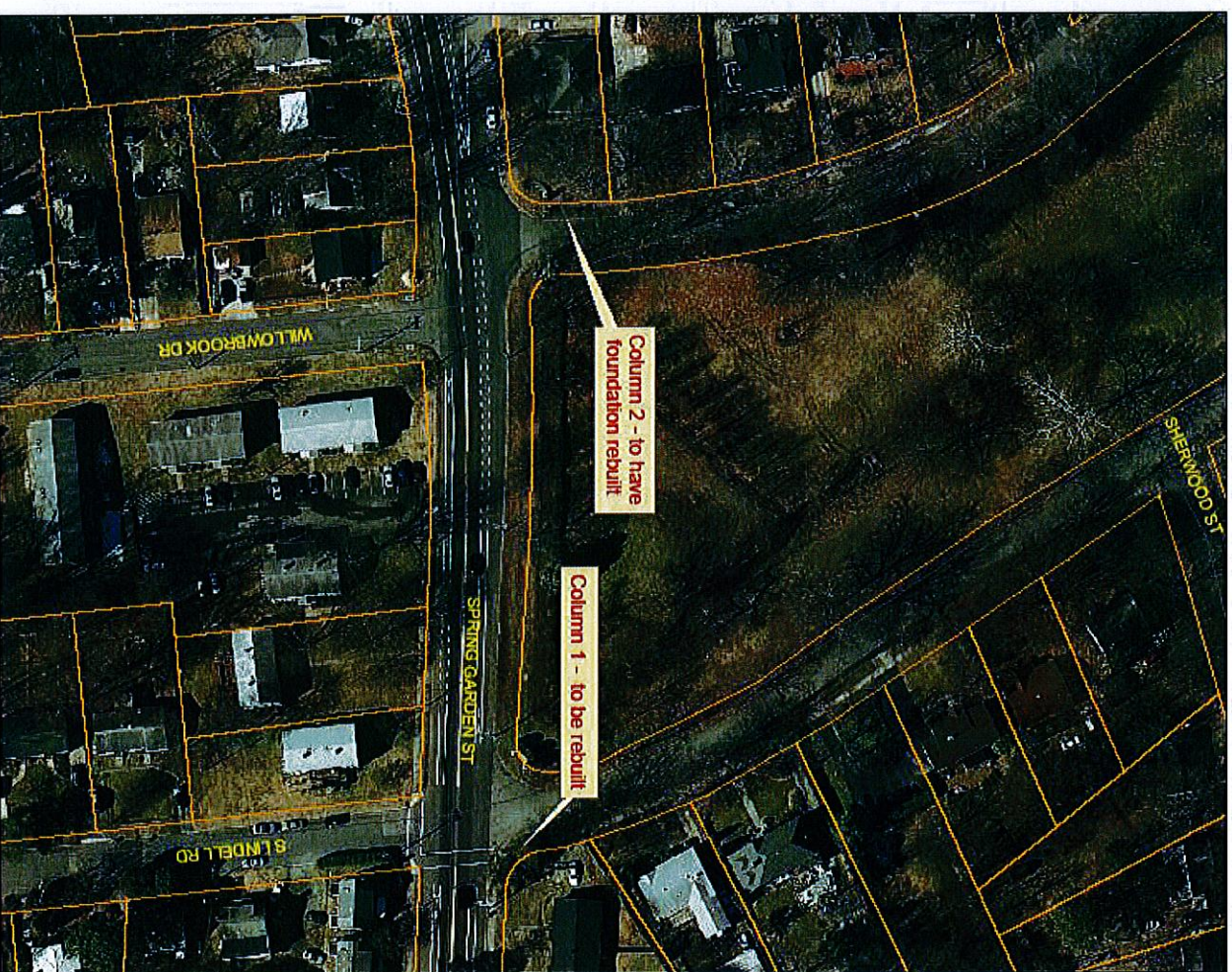
- Repairs to decorative light and sign posts
- Originally installed with City bond funds



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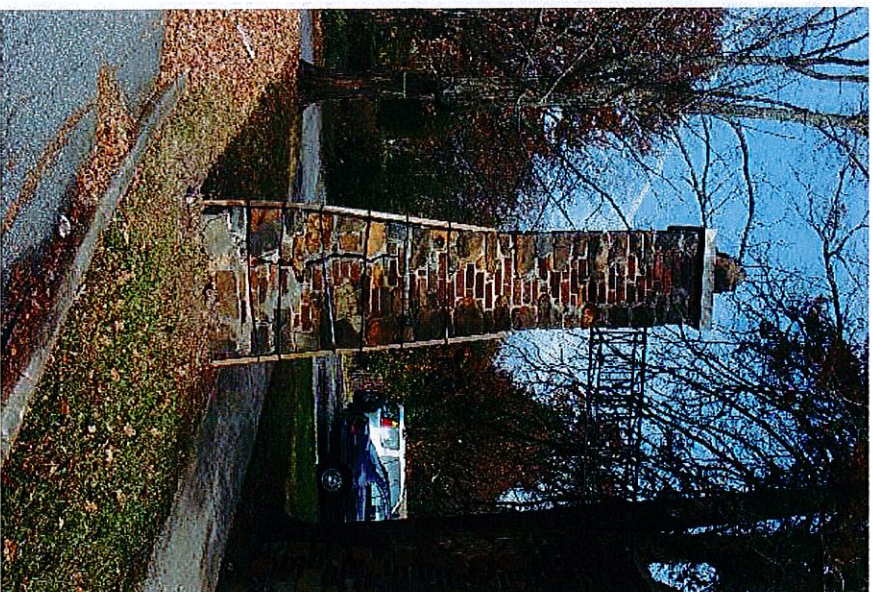
Lindley Park

- Repairs to stone columns





Close-up view of Column 1 from Lindell St. side, showing major cracks and dislodged portion of the base.



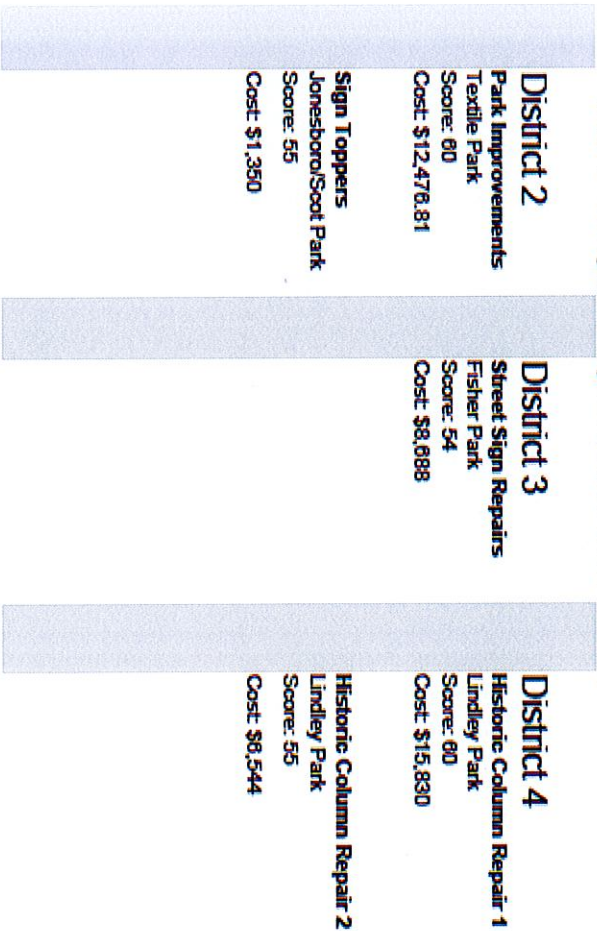
Close-up view of Column 1 from Spring Garden St. side, showing major cracks.



Corner of Spring Garden and Willowbrook (Column 2 on right)

Final Totals

NSPP Projects by District and Score



Total Requests by District: \$13,827 \$8,688 \$22,374

Total amount requested: \$44,889 Total to be funded as scored: \$ 44,889

Minimum project score to be recommended for funding is 43

Neighborhood Small Projects Program

What questions do you have?